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It is submitted that a review of all of the noted information shows that applicants' invention as defined by the claims is patentably distinguishable. It should be noted that counsel for applicants believes that this patent appears to be of minor relevance. However, the Examiner's careful, independent review of the cited reference is invited as well as any inquiries or comments regarding the same.

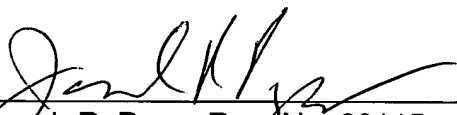
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It should be noted that the listed patent was just seen in the O.G. of February 24, 2004, and is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). No fee is believed due. However, in the event a late fee is deemed necessary then payment of same can be made pursuant to the authorization enclosed.

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